

Don't make a big deal out of the "trash problem at tourist spots"

Fill-in-the-blank worksheet

The issue of garbage in tourist destinations

In recent years, the number of tourists visiting tourist destinations has increased, resulting in an increase in (1 **littering**), which is having a serious impact on the (2 **environment**) and the lives of local residents.

(3 **Overtourism**) is exacerbating the garbage problem in tourist destinations.

In particular, (3 **overtourism**) caused by an increase in (4 **inbound**) tourists has become a problem, and it has been pointed out that this has led to an increase in littering.

It has been pointed out that there are not enough (5 **trash cans**) in tourist spots in Japan, which means there is no place for tourists to throw away their trash, leading to littering.

There are no unified rules for separating garbage by country, and varies by (6 **city, town, or village**). This means that tourists are unable to determine how to dispose of their garbage, which results in inaccurate sorting and increased collection work.

Because waste in tourist areas is difficult to collect efficiently and requires a large number of people, there is a serious (7 **labor shortage**) for waste collection.

Furthermore, (8 **a lack of financial resources**) on the part of local governments is a major factor in the littering problem.

The increase in trash in tourist destinations has various (2 **environmental**) impacts.

- The sharp increase in trash collection and incineration generates large amounts of (9 **greenhouse gases**), accelerating (10 **global warming**).
- Discarding trash without sorting prevents resources from being (11 **reused**), leading to a decrease in resource availability and depletion.
- Discarded plastic bottles and plastic food containers are washed into the ocean by rain and wind, turning into (12 **microplastics**) and causing marine pollution.

When trash impairs the cleanliness of tourist destinations, it reduces their (13 **tourism value**) and leads to a decrease in tourists.